

Applicants provisionally elect herein Group III, encompassing claims 30-35 and 104-109, "drawn to a polypeptide and a composition, classified in class 530, subclass 350". Applicants elect for examination SEQ ID NO:116.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that no serious burden would be imposed upon the Examiner by combining several of the groups. For example, Group III, directed to, *inter alia*, polypeptides, could be searched with no serious burden along with Group V, directed at methods of inducing an immune response by administering a polypeptide.

Applicants reserve the right to prosecute the claims encompassed by any of the non-elected groups in future divisional applications.

Change of Correspondence Address

As set forth on the attached "Change of Correspondence Address" form SB-122, Applicants respectfully request that all future correspondence related to this application be directed to:

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The examination of these claims and passage to allowance are respectfully requested. An early Notice of Allowance is therefore earnestly solicited. Applicants invite the Examiner to contact the undersigned at (215) 665-6904 to clarify any unresolved issues raised by this response.

Respectfully submitted,



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